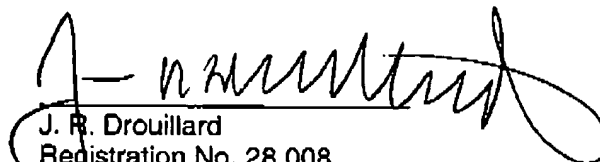


REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-16 are in the application. Claims 10-16 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended and claim 2 is canceled.

Claim 1 was rejected by the Examiner pursuant to 37 CFR § 102(b). However, claims 2-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, substance of claim 2 has been incorporated in claim 1 and each of claims 1 and 3-9 are now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue along with claims 11-16. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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